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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following references:

U.S. Patent No. 5,110,249, Norman

U.S. Patent No. 6,036,426, Hillman

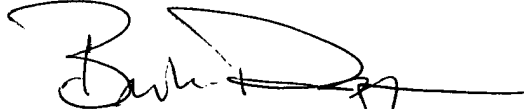
U.S. Patent No. 6,183,186, Peltola et al.

Foreign Art Reference No. EP 0 277 536 A1 (EPO)

These references are also listed on the accompanying
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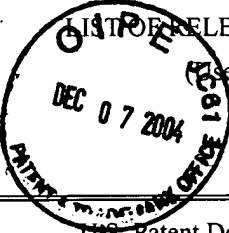
Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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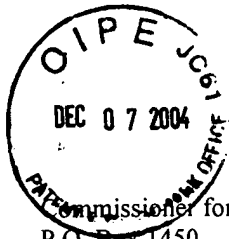
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